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Subject: FW: Allied Landfill Site

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From: Couture, Anne (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Devantier, Daria W. (DEQ)
Cc: Wagner, Robert (DEQ)
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Hi Paul and Daria –

I understand that EPA was in Kalamazoo today to meet with you and the City regarding the technical issues the City raised with us at our meeting here in Lansing about a month ago. As you can see, I think the City was caught flat footed regarding today's meeting, and they are very concerned about how EPA will view this meeting with respect to obtaining City input in light of their pending decision on the FS.

Could one of you give me a call so we can discuss? We have an internal meeting scheduled to discuss the Portage Creek TCRA next Tuesday, and I was going to discuss Allied further with you at that time. FYI, I spent some quality time with the City (Bruce Merchant and Marc Hatton) yesterday regarding redevelopment options in the area of the Allied site, including the entire City of Kalamazoo Portage Creek corridor. I was going to update you all then about our discussions, but in light of today's meeting, perhaps we should talk sooner.

Thanks, Anne

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From: Gilezan, Grant [mailto:GGilezan@dykema.com]
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Hi Anne.

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

I'm at an outside meeting today, but just tried to call you and left a voicemail on an urgent matter (involving a meeting US EPA set up with MDEQ and the City at 1 pm today) that was just brought to my attention by Bruce Merchant. Sorry for the long voicemail, but it was more efficient to relay my thoughts that way given my circumstances this afternoon. In short, the City is not prepared today from a staffing or content preparation standpoint to conduct the 3-way meeting we discussed holding when we were last together in Lansing. Plus, I wasn't sure whether you or Bob knew about today's meeting or would be attending, but I was hoping the scheduling of the 3-way meeting we had in mind would afford reasonable lead time for the City and MDEQ to get better coordinated and aligned on the outstanding issues before engaging with US EPA.

I also heard from Bruce that he had a very positive meeting with you, which I look forward to discussing with you and drawing upon to help the City pursue with your help a beneficial resolution for the site cleanup that is acceptable to US EPA, financially viable, and meets environmental, community and redevelopment goals.

Best regards,
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